

Appln. No. 10/719,284
Amendment dated September 2, 2005
Reply to Office Action of May 9, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The May 9, 2005 Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, the Abstract of the Disclosure is amended, and an English translation of the priority application is submitted in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In the Office Action the Examiner reminds the Applicant of the proper language and format for an Abstract of the Disclosure. In response, the Abstract of the Disclosure is amended in a sincere effort to place the Abstract of the Disclosure in better form. No new matter is added.

PRIOR ART REJECTION

In the Office Action claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by WO03042022.

It is noted that the present application has a priority date under 35 USC 119 of December 6, 2002, which is earlier than the publication date of WO03042022 (May 22, 2003). In order to perfect the priority claim under 35 USC 119 and to obtain the benefit of the earlier filing date, submitted herewith is an accurate English translation of the priority document of the present application (namely, Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-356088 filed in Japan on December 6, 2002). As seen from the accurate English translation submitted herewith, the claims are clearly fully supported by the original Japanese disclosure and are entitled to the December 6, 2002 priority date.

In view of the submission of the accurate English translation of the priority document of the present application, it is respectfully submitted that the reference cited and relied upon by the Examiner is no longer a proper reference against the claimed subject matter of the present application. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) has been overcome.

Withdrawal of the rejection, entry of the Amendment, allowance of the claims, and the passing of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

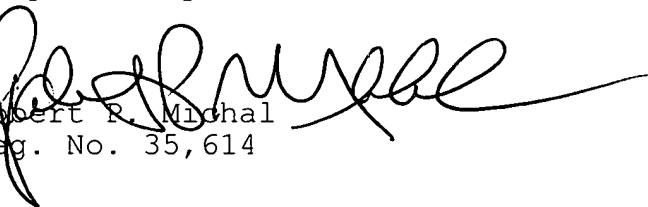
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If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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